

funds for operation and maintenance of the assets. The matter is also being pursued with the State Government of UP for adequate provision of funds for operation and maintenance of assets. Operation and maintenance of assets in West Bengal is generally satisfactory.

- (iii) The State Governments have been asked to ensure continuous supply of electricity for assets through dedicated feeders wherever required.
- (iv) To address the problem of microbial pollution, it has been decided to adopt land based technologies for sewage treatment wherever feasible or to use conventional technologies of sewage disinfection.

Bulk Purchase of Books for Writers

***375. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:**
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme to assist the writers through bulk purchase of books;
- (b) if so, what was the allocation made during the last three financial years;
- (c) what is the proportion of funds allotted for Southern languages; and
- (d) whether there is any other scheme through which the writers are encouraged by bulk purchase?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a scheme of Financial Assistance for Publication and Purchase of Books in Indian Languages and in English.

- (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (See below)
- (c) Allocations under the scheme are not made language-wise.
- (d) No, Sir.

Statement

Under the scheme of financial assistance for Publication & Purchase of Books in Indian Languages and in English, the allocations made during the last three years were as follows:—

	(Rs. in Lakhs)
1997-98	62.93
1998-99	60.06
1999-2000	76.49